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## The City's Opportunity.

One week ago this morning The Times presented to the people of Washington an analysis of the railroad rate situation of this city, which proved both a surprise and a satisfaction to the enterprising citizens who are working for a Greater Washington.

Today it is proposed to suggest some other phases of Washington's situation which are no less auspicious.

It is proposed to demonstrate that there is nowhere in America a city with such riches of commercial opportunity undeveloped, and, until now, unappreciated.

Washington has exactly the things that have made great commercial cities all over the country. It has not only railways but terminals. It is a gateway.

As Cincinnati is the gateway between North and South for traffic of the western slope of the Appalachians and the eastern Mississippi valley, so Washington is the gateway for traffic of the eastern Appalachian and the seaboard region.

To have the railroads and to have the rates is not a complete guarantee of commercial opportunity for a city. Add to this the possession of terminals on which connecting systems of railroads meet, break bulk, and exchange traffic, and there is completed the list of advantages necessary to make an American commercial center.

Comparison with other cities will make possible the readiest understanding of Washington's advantages as a point for interchange of traffic. A little study of what like conditions have done for the commerce of other cities will point the road which lies open for Washington's awakened enterprise to travel to commercial domination.

Minnesota Transfer means the commercial greatness of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Who has heard of it? It is one of the great strategic points in the transportation scheme of the Continent. Half way between the Twin Cities it is the great terminal point where two systems of railroads meet. Here come the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha, the Wisconsin Central, the Chicago Great Western, the Burlington, the Minneapolis and St. Louis—the whole series of roads that carry traffic from the East to the Twin Cities. Here, to this immense tangle of switches and sidings, these roads bring the traffic that is destined for the West and for the Orient.

And here, too, come the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, the "Soo"—roads which take up the traffic and haul it on to the westward. Here bulk is broken; trains are made and unmade; warehouses and terminal elevators have been built. The East dumps its wealth upon this terminal, as through a huge funnel; the West takes it up again from this reservoir and hauls it away to the customer.

The grain and lumber and multiplied products of the great West and the Orient are brought by the lines from the coast; here come the cattle of Montana, the wheat of the Dakotas, the hogs of the upper Missouri valley, trainloads of tea from China and Japan—dumped into the iron lap of this terminal, to be turned over again to the other roads that shall haul it eastward.

That is what "the breaking of bulk" means. Here end the rails of one system of roads; here begin the rails of another. Here is a great "basing point" for rates; a Rome to which all roads lead; a mart in which prices are made on everything.

That is the basis of the commercial greatness of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Now for a comparison with Washington.

Here terminate the Northern roads. Here begin the Southern roads. Here is a basing point for rates. The Ohio and Potomac rivers are the commercial dividing line between North and South. Cincinnati and Louisville are to the Ohio what Baltimore and Washington are to the Potomac territory.

Here is your "Minnesota Transfer," too. Down on the Virginia side of the Potomac, between this city and Alexandria, is being constructed a great terminal system on which will meet the products of South and North; here is to be the end of the funnel. Here will come the wealth of the South on its way to the industrial East; here will center the manufactured products of the North, destined for distribution all over the South.

This great terminal will be for Washington just what Minnesota Transfer has been for the Twin Cities, if Washington will but realize its potentialities. Here trains will be made up; here bulk will be broken; here is the place for a jobbing city.

Take the case of Omaha. Its huge terminal yard is the western end of the Northwestern, the Burlington, the Illinois Central, the Missouri Pacific, the Great Western, and so on. They bring their business here, to be turned over, made up into new trains, and hauled away to the West by another group of roads—the Union Pacific, the Rock Island, the B. & M., the Elkhorn, and so on. It is Minnesota Transfer once more; it means "Missouri river rates," with all the commercial magic that term embraces; it has made Omaha in a generation a metropolis, a capital of commerce, a world city.

Kansas City is another city grown up around the terminal on which two great systems of railroads exchange their traffic. Go wherever a great city has developed in America, and its commercial foundation will be found the same—the breaking of bulk, the interchange of traffic, the meeting of connecting systems of transportation.

Washington is such a point. The Northern and the Southern systems of railroads have recognized it as nature's gateway, and they are building the great facilities which expanding business has imperatively demanded. These terminals will be completed, at a cost figured in millions, some time late in the present year, it is hoped.

The Times has shown that Washington has the rates. Everybody knows it has the rails. It is soon to have the magnet of a great transfer terminal.

These are the things for which other cities struggle and compete and pay huge bonuses; for which they carry their complaints to State and national railway commissions, to courts, to Legislatures. They have been provided for Washington without effort on the part of this city. They represent a total of commercial possibility that will not be overestimated.

Washington needs only to appreciate and to utilize these facilities. Making it the transfer point for business between North and South gives the possibility of immense advantage over Baltimore.

Is it not fair to repeat, as was said at the outset of this brief consideration, that "there is nowhere in America a city with such riches of commercial opportunity, undeveloped and unappreciated?"

Washington is awakened to these things. It is learning to appreciate its possibilities. It is proving that it has the energy, the enterprise, and the ambition to utilize the opportunities that have been given to it.

The movement for a Greater Washington is destined to accomplish results beyond the utmost expectations of the most sanguine boomer.

## Santo Domingo.

There must be good and substantial reasons for the determination of the Administration to have its way in Santo Domingo. Congress has adjourned again without action on the fiscal treaty, and now the State Department is trying once more to straighten out things and

so far restore insular credit as to make possible the flotation of a new bond issue to reduce the interest burden and consolidate the finances of the island.

The truth undoubtedly is that the President and his Secretary for Foreign Affairs know that if the United States drops its hold on Santo Domingo some other nation

stands ready to move in. The debt of Santo Domingo is so immense that a regime of European customs regulation, to continue till the debts were extinguished, would be practically the same as annexation by the power in charge. If the United States doesn't do what it is now doing, somebody else will do it.

Santo Domingo is the gateway to Panama. In the hands of a foreign country there would be possibility of most embarrassing situations arising when the United States was ready to police the Caribbean to protect the canal. Santo Domingo must be American or strictly neutral. That is why the question of who acts as receiver for the troublesome and unprofitable little island is so important.

## Unavoidable Postponement.

On account of circumstances over which even the packers have not been able to maintain full control, the predicted ruin of the livestock industry will not come off just yet. It is unnecessary to recall, because the facts are fresh in mind, that a few brief and fleeting weeks ago the lawyers and lobbyists and legislative agents were denouncing the muck-raking of their industry, as certain to destroy not merely the packers but—and it was for this that the tears were shed—the stock-growing business of the great West. Certain stock-market facts have since necessitated a postponement of the ruin engagement.

Hogs sold at \$7 per 100 pounds in Indianapolis and Chicago on Wednesday, being the high point of the year and the high point of several years. "Seven-dollar hogs" is the summum bonum to the hog raiser as "dollar wheat" is to the cereal grower; but the latter realizes his ambition a good deal oftener than does the former.

While reading these stories about the terrific drop in the American exports of meat products, it will do no harm to keep these quotations in mind. On the same day steers touched \$6.50 in Chicago, sheep got up to \$7, and spring lambs to \$5.50. There were received in Chicago that day 28,000 hogs, 21,000 cattle, and 16,000 sheep. The meat inspection law may be ruining the export business in meat, but plainly it isn't damaging the farmer seriously just yet.

## Good By, Satan!

The New York World, which as a good orthodox newspaper would hardly be expected to make so radical a statement without full information, announces that the devil has been ostracized from the society of the billboard by edict of the National Association of Bill Posters. His majesty is said to be offensive to many people who, despite his high standing as a religious institution and the wide acceptance he has met in art circles, are of the opinion that his influence is bad. "Such pictures on billboards suggest evil," urged Charles Bernard, of Chicago, leader in the crusade to cast out the devil, "and psychologists have agreed that all evil comes from suggestion."

Not inappropriately, Mr. Bernard found his most vigorous opponent in a man from Pittsburgh, who stood out for the devil to the bitter end. He said it had become a fad to jump on the devil. Folks who had been immensely prosperous because of their affiliation with him were now, in their hour of success, forgetting their mentor and turning to smite the hand—or perhaps rather the hoof—that had fed them.

Mr. Bernard made his fight especially against a poster showing the devil advertising a particular brand of whisky. It seems to us that he was sadly in the wrong. Any whisky maker who is so honest as to advertise the long-standing community of interest between the devil and whisky ought to be given the chance. Whisky has been working for the devil a long while, and it seems fitting that the service should be repaid in kind.

Secretary Taft is going to the Philippines again. In his capacity as an advance agent of matrimony, the Secretary ought to sell tickets of membership in his party to the highest bidder and give the Filipinos the gate receipts.

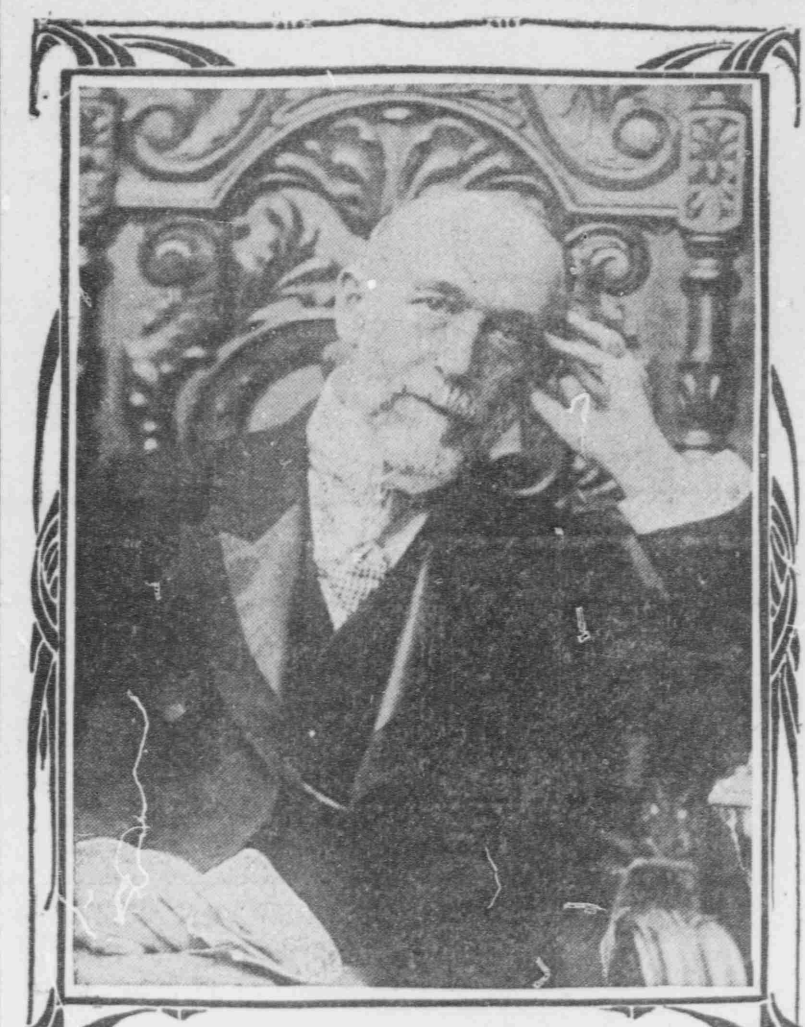
A Chicago man kissed his wife and swallowed poison, according to a news item. Married women can't be too careful what sort of gum they chew.

When President Harrah of the Midvale company was told about it, he declined to say anything. Probably couldn't think of anything printable that would serve his purpose.

The War Department is sending 25,000 watermelons to Santo Domingo. Now look out for a real revolution when the natives learn that they are coming.

Secretary Taft is thinking of visiting the Philippines in the spring. The War Secretary is training into excellent form to succeed his strenuous chief.

## Senator Platt 73 Today; Asks Friends to Dinner



Senator Platt Will Celebrate the Seventy-third Anniversary of His Birth at the Oriental Hotel, Manhattan Beach, today. He has invited a number of his friends to dine with him. Many Republicans are expected to make a pilgrimage to the Beach to congratulate the Senator.

## Killed Daughter's Lover; Jury Sets Woman Free

Mrs. Whitman, Who Shot Objectionable Suitor Dead When He Made Threats, Acquitted of Murder Charge

PAIRKERSBURG, W. Va., July 14.—Mrs. Hannah Whitman, charged with the murder of Ed Deever, the lover of her daughter Alice, was acquitted at Elizabeth, West county, today after the jury had been out over eighteen hours.

She admitted killing Deever, but her defense was that he was an improper person to associate with her daughter; that he persisted in visiting her after

being repeatedly warned not to come; that he was trying to ruin her daughter; that he had repeatedly threatened to kill the defendant, and that the moment before she shot him he had advanced upon her with clenched fist saying, with an oath: "I will kill you."

The daughter corroborated her mother's testimony throughout, except as to the character of Deever's attentions to her.

## BAND CONCERTS THIS WEEK

IOWA CIRCLE.  
Monday, 7:30 to 9 o'clock p. m.—Thirteenth Cavalry Band.

JUDICIARY PARK.  
Tuesday, 7:30 to 9 o'clock p. m.—Engineer Band.

CAPITOL PLAZA.  
Wednesday, 5:55 o'clock p. m.—Marine Band.

MARINE BARRACKS.  
Thursday, 5 o'clock p. m.—Marine Band.

SMITHSONIAN GROUNDS.  
Thursday, 7:30 to 9 o'clock p. m.—Thirteenth Cavalry Band.

WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS.  
Saturday, 6 o'clock p. m.—Marine Band.

## FIVE CONSPIRED TO KILL FAMILY AND SEIZE GIRLS

BARBOUR'S JUNCTION, N. C., July 14.—Five negroes, Mitchell Graham, alias Gillespie, and his son, John; George Erwin, Jack Dillingham, and Hen Lee, are under arrest on suspicion of being implicated in the murder last night of Isaac Lyerly, his wife, and three children, at their home here. Poses are still searching the country with the aid of bloodhounds in order to prevent the guilty party from escaping in case the crime cannot be fixed upon those under arrest.

The murder constitutes one of the most dastardly crimes ever committed in the State and the people are thoroughly aroused and determined to run down the culprits. Lyerly and the members of his family were killed while they slept, a club being used as a weapon, and the heads of all five victims were pounded to a pulp. An effort was made afterward to burn the house in which the bodies lay. The fire awakened two older daughters who slept upstairs, and when they discovered the condition of their parents and the other children they quickly gave an alarm. Hundreds of citizens are now engaged in the search for the criminals.

A coroner's jury tonight returned a verdict holding the men arrested as the murderers of the Lyerly family. Late tonight John Graham, or Gillespie, made a full confession, implicating all the negroes under arrest. His father is named as the chief conspirator. He said the deed was committed with two axes, and told where the weapons were hidden. The intention of the murderers was, after killing the parents and young children, to capture the two girls

who slept upstairs and burn them alive. They were frightened off before the deed was entirely accomplished. The prisoners were taken to Charlotte late tonight in the hope of preventing a lynching.

## NO DUTY ON LIZARDS MAKES CHINAMAN GLAD

NEW YORK, July 14.—Wong On Chong was the happiest man in New York's Chinatown yesterday. Wong is in the importing business, his specialty being dried lizards. His joy was due to a decision made by Judge Wheeler in the United States circuit court to the effect that lizards may enter this country free of duty.

## PORTUGUESE STEAMER SINKS; 19 ARE DROWNED

LISBON, Portugal, July 15.—The Portuguese steamer Silva Americana, bound for London, sank at the entrance of the Kwanza river, on the west coast of Africa. Nineteen members of the crew were drowned.

## AGED SQUAW INTERCEDES IN VAIN FOR SON'S LIFE

SACRAMENTO, July 14.—All the way from Utah to Carson, Nev., journeyed the aged parents of Shoshone Johnnie, a young Indian who is to be hanged at the State prison, only to be told by Governor (Speaker) chairman of the board of pardons, that there was no hope of saving the lad's life.

The aged mother of the boy was heartbroken when the governor, through an interpreter, made the announcement, and tottered to the railway station moaning bitterly. Her old buck accompanied her, but seemed unmoved, although he joined in the appeal. Shoshone Johnnie and Ipanah, young Indians, while intoxicated murdered a man at Montebello, Esso county, last winter, because he refused to buy them liquor. While Johnnie held the white man Ipanah cut his throat with a pocketknife.

## MUSIC AND MUSICIANS

Bernhard Ulrich announces that Camille Saint-Saens, the renowned composer, conductor and pianist, will visit America next winter. American impresarios have tempted Saint-Saens the past twenty-five years with offers to visit this country, but always without success.

Mr. Ulrich regrets that the eminent Frenchman will contract for only twenty appearances, so that only the principal cities will have the opportunity of hearing one of the greatest musicians that France has ever produced. M. Saint-Saens' operas and other musical works are, of course, known in all civilized countries, but as a pianist he will be new to Americans.

Many of the great pianists of the present generation received their finishing touches from him, and all proclaim him the master of the keyboard. The leading symphony orchestras of the country will invite Saint-Saens to conduct his own compositions, and in some of the cities he will interpret his own piano-forte concertos with orchestra.

## Among Washington Musicians.

Miss Gardner, daughter of Representative Gardner, and one of the interesting young singers of the past season, is spending the summer at her home in Albion. Miss Gardner will return to Washington in the fall to continue her studies.

Miss Eleanor Terry, daughter of Admiral Terry, is again in Washington after having been delightfully entertained at one of Mrs. Basil Gordon's house parties in the latter's country home.

Mrs. Helen Donohue DeTo substituted last Sunday in Calvary Baptist Church for the regular soprano soloist, Miss Harden-Hickey.

Harrison L. Moore, who has been conducting a most successful class in song interpretation, will continue these classes in the fall, beginning early in September. Mr. Moore has been particularly successful in this effort and his classes have offered interesting results.

Miss Mackie Young, contralto, has left Washington for her home in Hampton, Va., where she will spend the summer.

Miss Henrietta Wallace, daughter of Commander Wallace, has had time to devote herself much to outdoor exercise this spring and summer, and in addition to accomplishing much with her vocal studies, she has become quite an expert tennis player. Miss Wallace spends much time on the tennis courts and apparently thoroughly enjoys the game.

Mrs. Oldberg gave her regular weekly studio musicale last Friday in her music

room in the Belasco Theater. Miss Margaret Veitch, soprano, presented a program of German songs.

Mrs. Oldberg, who rarely leaves Washington for more than two weeks during the entire year, is spending the weekend in Baltimore as the guest of Mrs. Walter Swindell.

Miss Ida Fretlar, a promising young vocal student of Washington, is making the best of her time during the warm days, and is continuing her studies with Mr. Moore. She contemplates a career in light opera and is working earnestly to prepare herself for a successful stage debut.

Mr. Moore has several other most interesting pupils in Miss Maria Madert, who has a fine mezzo soprano voice of good quality; Mrs. E. S. Newman, and John Edward Butt.

## The Musicians Abroad.

Caruso will return to America in the fall to resume his roles with the Metropolitan opera company. The great tenor will spend August at Ostend, and before leaving the continent he will be heard in Berlin, Vienna, and Hamburg.

Joseph Sheehan, of the Savage grand opera company, is now in London attending the performances of "Madame Butterfly," in which he is to sing the principal tenor role when the opera is presented on this side.

Three "American Children's Songs," with verse by James Whitcomb Riley, proved one of the interesting features of a recital given recently in London. The musical setting was by George Aitken.

Richard Burmeister, formerly of Baltimore, who is now in this country on a visit, has decided to give up his residence in Dresden and go to Berlin to live. Mr. Burmeister declares that Berlin is now the greatest musical center in Europe and the mecca for students.

John Philip Sousa continues to receive the marked favor of foreign countries. He has just been made an "officer de l'instruction publique" of France. With this distinction Mr. Sousa receives the golden palms and rosettes of the French Academy. He is said to be the only American who has been thus honored. Another of his highly prized honors is the Royal Victorian Order of England, which was conferred on him several years ago by King Edward.

Mme. Senemann-Helk will sing in Baireuth for the first time this season on July 23 and at the conclusion of the season there will go to Munich for several engagements. She will return to American in the fall for an extensive concert tour.

## MRS. BURKE-ROCHE SECRETLY WEDDED

Popular Society Woman Married to Whip Aurel Batonyi Nearly a Year Ago.

## NEWS CAME AS SURPRISE

Wealthy Bride and Her Beautiful Daughter Just Married Will Make Honeymoon Trip Together.

NEW YORK, July 14.—Mrs. Burke Roche, one of the handsomest women in society, noted horsewoman, whip and breeder of prize bull terriers, has been for almost a year the wife of Aurel Batonyi, the well known professional whip.

It was learned in New York tonight that a civil marriage ceremony was performed in this city by Alderman Julius Harburger on August 6, 1905. Mr. Batonyi is a Catholic and Mrs. Burke Roche is a divorced woman, having obtained a divorce in this country some years ago from her English husband, formerly a member of Parliament. The divorce has never been recognized by the English authorities. The secret of the marriage has been so well kept that even Frank Work, the millionaire and clubman, father of Mrs. Batonyi, did not know of it until a friend of the family, acting for Mr. Batonyi, informed him of it at his home tonight.

Mrs. Batonyi left New York for Canada tonight on a belated honeymoon before Mr. Work, who is eighty-six years old and has had many differences with his beautiful daughter, learned of the marriage.

Mother and Daughter on Honeymoon. Mrs. Roche's daughter, the beautiful Cynthia Roche, was married only a few days ago to Arthur Scott Burdon, and is now in England on her honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. Batonyi will sail for Hungary, the home of Batonyi, within a few days, and both mother and daughter will be on honeymoon trips in Europe at the same time, and may spend a part of their time together.

Cost \$375 a Day to Live. Mrs. Burke-Roche has been for years one of the conspicuous figures of the 400 on account of her wealth, beauty, and love of sport. Last year she left her father's home because he had protested against her rate of living. She declared that she could not live for less than \$375 a day.

It was Mrs. Burke-Roche's love for out-of-door sport that led to her acquaintance with Batonyi, who has been a professional whip and teacher of driving to the 400 for years. About four years ago she became Mrs. Burke-Roche's instructor.

EAT CANNED SALMON. WHOLE FAMILY POISONED

PASSAIC, N. J., July 14.—Mrs. Henry Clark, of 308 Oak street, and her family are suffering from ptomaine poisoning, as the result of eating canned salmon at noon today. A daughter and son were taken ill while at work in the mills. Their condition is serious.

Trolley Car Hit Boy, Knocked Senseless

Richard Gant, of 414 D street, a seven-year-old colored boy, was playing upon the car tracks at Pennsylvania avenue and Third street southeast last night, and was struck and knocked unconscious by a trolley car. He was removed to his home by the Fifth precinct ambulance, and is not seriously hurt.

## DYING IN HOSPITAL FROM RAZOR CUTS; ROW OVER WOMAN

James Campbell Terribly Slashed in a Saloon Fight.

With his body slashed to pieces with a razor, the result of a desperate affray at an early hour this morning, James Campbell, a well-dressed young man thirty years old, was taken to Emergency Hospital in a dying condition. Campbell's assailant and would-be murderer was a man named Burch, about twenty-five years old.

The bloody affray was the tragic climax to a midnight brawl, in which Campbell, Burch, and several other men whose names could not be learned, participated. The men entered Beardon's saloon, 27 Seventh street southwest, early in the evening and began drinking. They clinched steins and told stories for several hours. The saloon closed at 12 o'clock, and the men emerged to the street in front of the place.

## Used Razor on Burch.

Campbell and Burch became engaged in a heated quarrel. One used bitter terms regarding a certain woman, which was the signal for a bloody mix-up. The men began a hand to hand encounter. Campbell drew a razor and slashed his adversary's face beyond recognition, also stabbing him several times.

Some mystery surrounds the real beginning of the trouble. Last night they casually met in the saloon, and as they drank together forgot their differences.

## Burch Makes His Escape.

With his victim bleeding and dying from the loss of blood, Burch made his escape and at a late hour had not been caught. Lieutenant Mulhall and several policemen rushed to the scene and started on the trail of Campbell's assailant.

Meanwhile the ambulance was summoned and Campbell was hurriedly conveyed to the Emergency. The first word Campbell uttered after being revived for a few moments was about his wife.

He asked to see her and spoke of the little ones who would suffer as a result of the midnight quarrel. Campbell soon lapsed into unconsciousness, and at last reports was dying. The physicians entertain little hope for his recovery.

A deep stab wound was inflicted in the left side, penetrated the pleura and grazed the heart. His other wounds were numerous, he being cut all over the face, on the right arm, while his left hip was cut several inches deep.

Messrs. Donohue and Chism, who have places across the street from Beardon's saloon, witnessed the tragic incident.